



August 19, 2020

Dear Mr. Briel,

Please allow this letter to serve as the Nebraska Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' Letter of Intent as required under the Nebraska Credentialing Review Program.

Nebraska Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

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Nebraska Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics proposes the following changes to modernize the Medical Nutrition Therapy Practice Act Statutes:

1. Advance the scope of practice contained in the Medical Nutrition Therapy Practice Act to the 2017 Scope of Practice to reflect current Standards of Practice in Nutrition Care:
 - a. Include Nutrition Care Process as workflow element and as a framework to provide medical nutrition therapy services.
 - b. Define Nutrition Care Process steps of Assessment, Diagnosis, Intervention, Monitoring and Evaluation.
 - c. Include writing diet, laboratory, and protocol orders in a licensed medical nutrition therapist explicit scope of practice.
2. Require pre-approved supervised practice for all applicants including MS and PhD applicants. In practice, most applicants complete pre-approved supervised practice, but supervised practice is not required by the Act for those holding MS and PhD degrees.
3. Add licensure eligibility requirements for individuals who are Board Certified Specialists in Nutrition based on the academic standards and supervised practice requirements currently established for the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist. These individuals currently do not have a clear path to obtain licensure.
4. Update supervised practice experience to 1,000 hours from 1,200 hours to align with Accreditation Council of Education for Nutrition and Dietetics requirements.
5. Clarify/add Definitions for practice terms including, but not limited to:

a. Medical nutrition therapy	d. Nutrition care services
b. Medical weight control	e. Therapeutic diets
c. Nutrition	
6. Clarify exemption language of activities not subject to act.
7. Clarify temporary license for individuals eligible for examination but prior to exam completion and individuals in state on temporary basis for medical emergency.
8. Update membership of the Medical Nutrition Therapy Board to include Certified Nutritionist Specialist as available.

The applicant group will submit the \$500 fee via mail once receipt of this Letter of Intent has been acknowledged.

A draft of our application is attached to this Letter of Intent and will be officially submitted immediately following the conclusion by the Director that the application is eligible for review.

Thank you for your assistance with this process,

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